

Double Take 1 Reading and Writing

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an electronic device

display – graphic display, digital display
buttons – push the buttons
portable – easy to carry because of its size
microphone – built-in microphone



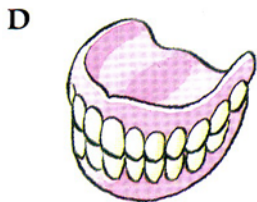
a haunted house

frightening place
full of ghosts and spirits
moon at night – shapes: new – half – full
flying ghost covered with a bedsheet



a famous inventor

mad professor
glasses, balding, red haired, beard and moustache
untidy, torn and worn clothes



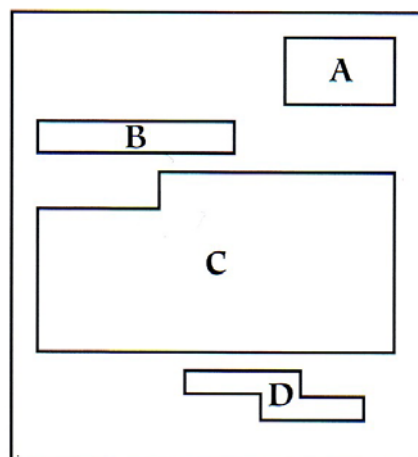
false teeth

natural teeth
young age: braces – teeth in correct position
old age: false teeth – substitute lost teeth

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the opening (Dear...)

the ending (Yours...)



the address and the date

the main message

Mrs William's letter:

the address and the date		12 London Road Otley West Yorkshire Tuesday 4th June
Dear Alvin,	the opening	
I have a difficult problem – I think my house is haunted. Every night at 11 p.m., when I'm in bed, I can hear music. I can't hear the music in the day. On Saturdays and Sundays the music is very loud, all night! I can't sleep. I think I've got a ghost in the house, but I can't find it. I can only hear its music!		
How can I find the ghost and stop the music? Can you help me?		
the main message		
Yours, Bronwen	the ending	

Professor Stump's letter:

		The Old School House Yorkshire University Leeds Friday 7th June
Dear Bronwen,		
I think I can help you. I have a clever little electronic device – one of my new inventions – called the Stump Ghost-Tracker. It's not very large. It's very powerful. It can see things that people can't see. It can hear very, very quiet sounds.		
So I'd like to come to your house. I'd like to use my new device on Wednesday, next week. I think we can find your ghost-family. I think we can solve the problem of your midnight music.		
Yours, Alvin		

Ghosts in her teeth

Friday June 14th

Professor Alvin Stump used his new invention – the STUMP GHOST-TRACKER – to find a ‘ghost’ last Wednesday. The amazing device can hear very quiet sounds and it can see things that people cannot see.

Professor Stump went to the house of Mrs Bronwen Williams

with his Ghost-Tracker and, at 11 p.m., it heard pop music in Mrs Williams’s bedroom, near the bed. Was it a ghost? No, the music came from her false teeth – in a glass of water near the bed!

‘The teeth in the water picked up radio music from Radio LJ99,

a local radio station for all-night pop music,’ said Professor Stump.

‘Pop music from my false teeth!’ said Mrs Williams. ‘Amazing!’



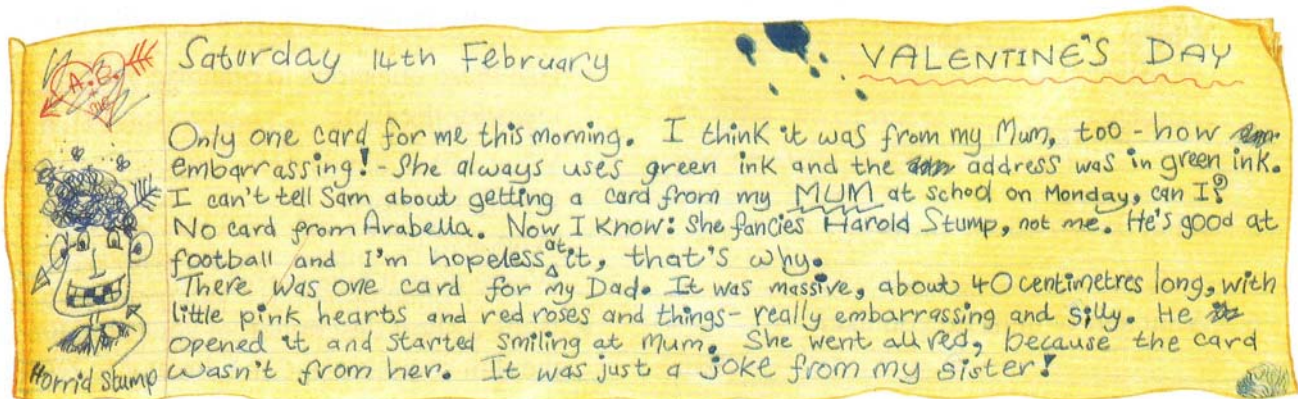
- 1 What can the Ghost-Tracker do?
- 2 What is LJ99?
- 3 Where does the music come from?

It can see things that people cannot see and hear very quiet sounds.

LJ99 is a local radio station.

The music comes from the radio.

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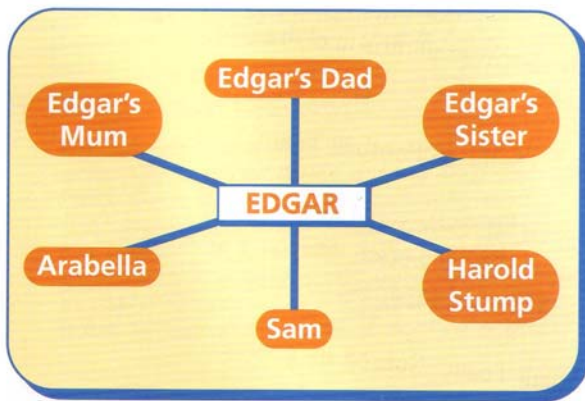
The diary might belong to a schoolboy who is in love with Arabella – perhaps his classmate. He’s very disappointed because he didn’t get a card from the girl.

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fancies – likes
hopeless – very bad
massive – very large
silly – stupid

Arabella **fancies** Harold not Edgar.
Edgar is **hopeless at** football.
His father got a **massive** Valentine’s card.
There were **silly things** – pink hearts – on the envelope.

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Sam is Edgar's friend.

Edgar likes Arabella.

Arabella fancies Harold Stump (Horrid Stump!)

Edgar is hopeless at football.

His dad got a massive card with pink hearts on it.

His mum went red in the face when dad opened it.

The card was from Edgar's sister.

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It **was** Valentine's Day. In the morning there **was** a card for Edgar, but he **wasn't** happy with it because it was from his mother. Edgar **wanted** a card from a girl at his school, Arabella. Then a massive card **arrived** for his father. When his father **opened** the envelope and **looked** at the card, he **smiled** at Edgar's Mum... but the card wasn't from her, it was from Edgar's sister. It was a joke.

Barbara Scarlett Hermione WATSON

Date of birth: 1st April 1974

Place of birth: Toxteth, Liverpool



1979 – 1985 Bootle Primary School, Liverpool

1985 Arrived at Walton High School (September).
Played for Girls' Under 12 Football Team.

1986 Worked for *High Times* as a junior reporter.
Played for Girls' Under 14 Football Team.

1987 Joined WHS Scuba Diving Club.
Continued to work for *H.T.* as a reporter.

1988 Joined WHS Photography Club. Showed photos in club show.
Started to work as a photographer for *H.T.*

1989 Travelled to Holland with Girls' Under 16 Football Team.

1990 Passed six subjects with 'A' at GCSE exams and four with 'B'.
Visited Japan with WHS group for three weeks. Stayed with a
Japanese family near Osaka and studied Japanese cooking.

1991 Played for Senior Girls' Football Team. Scored six goals.

1992 Worked as editor of *H.T.* in her last year at WHS.

Barbara left WHS in June and went on to study journalism at Liverpool College.

Barbara left school when she was 18. High Times is the title of the school magazine.

When did she **start** at Walton High? – She started in 1985.

How many years did she **stay** at Walton High? – She stayed 7 years.

What sports did she **play** there? – She played football.

Which clubs did she **join**? – She joined the scuba diving and the photography clubs.

When did she **visit** Holland? – She visited Holland in 1989.

When did she **travel** to Japan? – She travelled there in 1990.

Where did she **stay** in Japan? – She stayed with a Japanese family near Osaka.

When did she **work** as editor of the newspaper? – In her last year at high school in 1992.

A Wednesday 15th July

There was a big party at WHS last night for all the students in my year, leaving the school. I danced with Alan most of the evening - I really like him. All the teachers were there, too. They were all really happy - perhaps they were happy to see us for the last time?! No more WHS now! No more school! Liverpool College in September - that'll be great!

1992

B Wednesday 12th April

We arrived here two days ago (Monday afternoon) after quite a long trip by train from Liverpool to Harwich, and then three hours by boat to Rotterdam. We looked around the city centre yesterday morning - not very nice! - and in the afternoon we played a team from a big school near here. I scored a goal!

1989

C Thursday 2nd April

I'm 18 now! It was my birthday yesterday. When the post arrived yesterday morning, there was a card from Alan Jones with red roses on the front. I was really happy - he remembered my birthday! I danced around the kitchen.

1992

Buddy Holly was born in the small town of Lubbock, in the state of Texas, on 7th September, 1936. His name then was Charles Hardin Holley, not 'Buddy Holly'. He became one of the great rock 'n' roll musicians of the 1950s, even in his short life.

In January 1959, Buddy Holly began a concert tour with some other musicians. On Monday 2nd February, they were in Iowa, in the central United States. They were all tired after nearly a month on tour, on the road every day. But that night, after the concert in Iowa, Buddy made a suggestion.

'Hey, you guys! How about taking a plane from here to Minnesota later tonight?' The other musicians liked Buddy's idea. They immediately said yes.



At one a.m., after their concert in Iowa that night, Buddy and his two friends were in the small aeroplane. It was a snowy, stormy night but they were on their way to Minnesota for their next concert.

But something went very wrong. Maybe the pilot made a mistake.

People saw the lights of a small plane come slowly down and down. Suddenly they disappeared.

Buddy Holly and his two friends all died tragically in the accident. One of the great American rock stars was dead. He was only 22 years old.

Buddy Holly was an American singer.
 He was born on 7th September, 1936.
 He was born in Lubbock, Texas.
 He was only 22 when he died.
 His musical style was rock'n'roll. He had lots of concerts. He and his two friends died in a plane crash.

They wanted to fly from Iowa to Minnesota for their next concert.
 The pilot might have made a mistake. The crash might have been caused by a lightning. They might have been killed – it might have been an assassination (murder).

53/4 The story of Buddy Holly's death

1 First, ...

2 and ...

3 Then ...

4 and ...

5 After that, ...

6 Finally, ...

A

... the plane started to come down through the clouds again.

B

... people heard a loud bang when the plane hit the trees.

C

... it started to climb up through the clouds and snow.

D

... their plane left the small airfield at Clear Lake, Iowa

E

... something suddenly went wrong

F

... the lights of the plane disappeared behind some trees.

First their plane left the small airfield at Clear Lake, Iowa and it started to climb up through the clouds and snow. Then something suddenly went wrong and the plane started to come down through the clouds again. After that, the lights of the plane disappeared behind some trees. Finally, people heard a loud bang when the plane hit the trees.

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My first letter is in *came* but isn't in *come*.

My second letter is in *heard* but is never in *hard*.

My third letter is in *red* and also in *car*.

My fourth letter is in *snow* but isn't in *star*.

My fifth letter is in *plane* and also in *pop*.

My sixth letter is in *slowly* but isn't in *stop*.

My seventh letter is in *that* but never in *this*.

My eighth letter is in *next* and also in *wrong*.

My ninth letter is in *singer* but isn't in *song*.

AEROPLANE

British E.: aeroplane

American E.: airplane

slight difference in pronunciation

or just plane

airliner: big plane with passengers

airbus: new type of plane

aircraft – official name

RAF – Royal Air Force